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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 09/288,140 |
| Filing Date | April 8, 1999 |
| First Named Inventor | Shunpei YAMAZAKI et al. |
| Group Art Unit | 2871 |
| Examiner Name | M. Ton |
| Attorney Docket Number | 0756-1943 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other

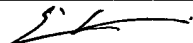
2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

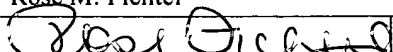
- a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$790.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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| Name (Print/Type) | Eric J. Robinson | Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) | 38,285 |
| Signature |  | Date | August 24, 2006 |

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**FEE TRANSMITTAL
FOR FY 2005**

Effective 10/01/2004. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☐ Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 790.00**Complete if Known**

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- Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 and
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27

- 2.
- ☒
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Order ☐ Other**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

| Large Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--|--------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|----------|
| 1001 | 300 | 2001 | 150 | Utility filing fee | |
| 1111 | 500 | 2111 | 250 | Search fee | |
| 1311 | 200 | 2311 | 275 | Examination fee | |
| Over 100 Sheets/250 for each additional 50 | | | | | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| 25 | -36** = 0 | X \$50 = 0 | |
| Independent Claims | 9 | -17** = 0 | X \$200 = 0 |
| Multiple Dependent | | | |

| Large Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|--|----------|
| 1202 | 50 | 2202 | 25 | Claims in excess of 20 | |
| 1201 | 200 | 2201 | 100 | Independent claims in excess of 3 | |
| 1203 | 360 | 2203 | 180 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid | |
| 1204 | 200 | 2204 | 100 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent | |
| 1205 | 50 | 2205 | 25 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent | |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

| Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
|----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------|
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 Non-English specification | |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 | 120 | 2251 | 60 Extension for reply within first month | |
| 1252 | 450 | 2252 | 225 Extension for reply within second month | |
| 1253 | 1020 | 2253 | 510 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 1254 | 1,590 | 2254 | 795 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 1255 | 2,160 | 2255 | 1080 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 1401 | 500 | 2401 | 250 Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 | 500 | 2402 | 250 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 | 1000 | 2403 | 500 Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 | 1,510 | 1451 | 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 | 500 | 2452 | 250- Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 | 1,500 | 2453 | 750 Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 | 1,400 | 2501 | 700 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 | 800 | 2502 | 400 Design issue fee | |
| 1503 | 1100 | 2503 | 550 Plant issue fee | |
| 1462 | 400 | 1462 | 400 Petitions, Group I | |
| 1463 | 200 | 1463 | 200 Petition, Group II | |
| 1464 | 130 | 1464 | 130 Petitions, Group III | |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 Processing fee under 37 CR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 1809 | 790 | 2809 | 395 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 | 790 | 2810 | 395 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.29(b)) | |
| 1801 | 790 | 2801 | 395 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | \$790 |
| 1802 | 900 | 1802 | 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify) _____

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